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**CULTURES OF PAKISTAN, KOREA TO SHARE SPOTLIGHT
AT CSOSA CELEBRATION**

Glimpses into distant lands will be featured at the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency's (CSOSA's) celebration of Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month. The program, which will highlight the cultures of Pakistan and Korea, will be held in CSOSA's training center at 633 Indiana Avenue, NW, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 29.

Speakers will include Community Supervision Officer Saher Khan, who will provide an overview of Pakistani culture, and U.S. Postal Service employee Joyce Ghu, who will offer personal insights on Korea's tradition of arranged marriage.

In addition to the speakers, the program will celebrate Asian/Pacific culture through music and food. Melody Sheih will provide a demonstration of Japanese koto music. The koto is a stringed instrument that has been played in Japan since the 7th century. Attendees will also enjoy ethnic food samples from Pakistan, Japan, and Thailand. Asian/Pacific art, dress, and cultural objects will be on exhibit throughout the celebration in an artifacts room.

The program is arranged and sponsored by CSOSA's Special Observances Committee. Students from Washington's Terrell Junior High School will attend the program as CSOSA's guests. The public is also welcome.